

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) An antibiotic compound β -keto aliphatic acid ester isolated from *Bacillus sp.* IICT 001 and possessing the following spectral properties

UV max (MeOH) : 225

^1H NMR CDCl_3 (80 MHz): 0.88 t (CH_3); 1.25 s, br (CH_2) $_n$; 2.16s (COCH_2); 3.68 s(COOCH_3) IR. $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{CHCl}_3)$: cm^{-1} 1730 (ester), 1670 (Carbonyl).

10. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a β -keto aliphatic acid ester isolated from *Bacillus sp.* IICT 001 and possessing the following spectral properties

UV max (MeOH) : 225

^1H NMR CDCl_3 (80 MHz): 0.88 t (CH_3); 1.25 s, br (CH_2) $_n$; 2.16s (COCH_2); 3.68 s(COOCH_3) IR. $\nu_{\text{max}}(\text{CHCl}_3)$: cm^{-1} 1730 (ester), 1670 (Carbonyl) in admixture with a therapeutically acceptable carrier.